

All In with Jordan Easley

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INTRODUCTION

In Galatians 5, Paul talks about two things: the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. But really, he's not just talking about two things. He's talking about two different kinds of people. He talks about those who live by the works of the flesh, and then he talks about those who live with the fruit of the Spirit. It is especially apparent if we are living out of our flesh or out of the fruit of the Spirit when we're in a season of waiting. What are you waiting on right now? Are you growing impatient and demanding that God answer your prayers right now? Or are you exercising supernatural patience that you have access to through the Holy Spirit? If you find yourself in a waiting season today and you're struggling with patience, I want to give you some encouragement to help you wait in a Spirit-led way.

KEY POINTS

1. Seek the Lord while you wait.

Lamentations 3:25 says, *“The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the person who seeks him.”* When we choose to seek the Lord and His will while we wait, the Lord promises to be good to us. He promises to honor our obedience. Isn't that encouraging? While it might come more naturally to try to make things happen in your own power and strength when you're growing impatient, instead choose to seek the Lord and walk in His will while you wait.

2. Trust the Lord in your waiting.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.”* In other words, God wants us to trust Him in our waiting. That word “trust” is written with a continuous action; which means it reads like this: trust and keep on trusting the Lord with all your heart. He tells us to trust and keep on trusting His timing, His plan, and His purposes as we wait on Him.

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3. Wait with confidence in God.

In Psalm 27:14, we're told to, "*Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the LORD.*" Right here God reminds us that waiting isn't associated with weakness. He tells us—as you wait for the LORD, be STRONG and COURAGEOUS. Both of these words give us a picture of confidence. This description is not one of weakness and frailty. No, we can be confident as we wait on the Lord because He is trustworthy, He is good, and He is faithful.

4. Wait expectantly on the Lord.

Psalm 37:7 says, "*Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for him...*" Here, the Psalmist partners our silence with expectation and says this is how you should wait on God. He said wait expectantly, which, once again, is talking about having a faith and a confidence that says, "I don't have to defend myself because God is my defender. I don't have to manipulate things and try to play God because I'm not God. The Lord is God and I trust in Him today." That's what expectantly waiting looks like.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Would you say that you are a patient person? Why or why not?
2. When was a time you chose to go ahead of God instead of waiting on Him? What did you learn from that situation?
3. Which of the four points on waiting well from today's message do you want to begin working on this week?
